

REMARKS

By the above Amendment, claims 1-9 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer the subject matter thereof and new claims 10-13 have been presented wherein claim 10 is an independent claim and claims 11-13 are dependent claims, dependent directly or indirectly therefrom.

The requirement for election of a single disclosed species identified as species A an embodiment having a skew correction means, species B an embodiment having outfeed and infeed means, species C an embodiment having a dancer roller and species D having first and second surface printing means, such requirement is traversed insofar as it is applicable to the present claims. Applicants note that in setting forth the election requirement, the Examiner has indicated that currently, it appears that no claims are generic.

By the present Amendment, since previous claims 1-9 have been cancelled and only a single independent claim 10 is presented, Applicants submit that such claim is necessarily a generic claim. Moreover, independent claim 10 recites the feature of skew correction means, infeed rollers and outfeed rollers, and a dancer roller representing the features identified as species A-C by the Examiner. Furthermore, claim 10 recites the feature of image forming means with the dependent claims reciting a plurality of image forming portions arranged in manner defined representative of species D as identified by the Examiner. Thus, it is apparent in light of the Amendment, the Election of Species Requirement should be withdrawn.

In order to provide a complete response to the Election Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Species B an embodiment having outfeed and infeed means and submit that independent claim 10 which is a generic claim and dependent claims 11-13 are readable thereon. Accordingly, it is apparent that all claims should be considered at this time.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the election requirement should be withdrawn and Applicants request favorable action with respect to claims 10-13 which are directed to the elected species.

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